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450117-03688

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : William FORD et al.  
Serial No. : 10/008,179  
For : LINKER MOLECULES FOR SELECTIVE  
METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND  
THEIR USES  
Filed : December 7, 2001  
Examiner : Ardin H. Marschel  
Art Unit : 1631

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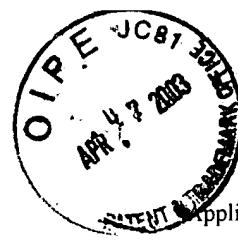
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

Please cancel claims 10-30 without prejudice.

The claims of the present application are as follows:



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	9	Minus	** =30	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	* = \$ 0
Independent claims	1	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	* = \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid  or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of  additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.

Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Respectfully submitted,

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